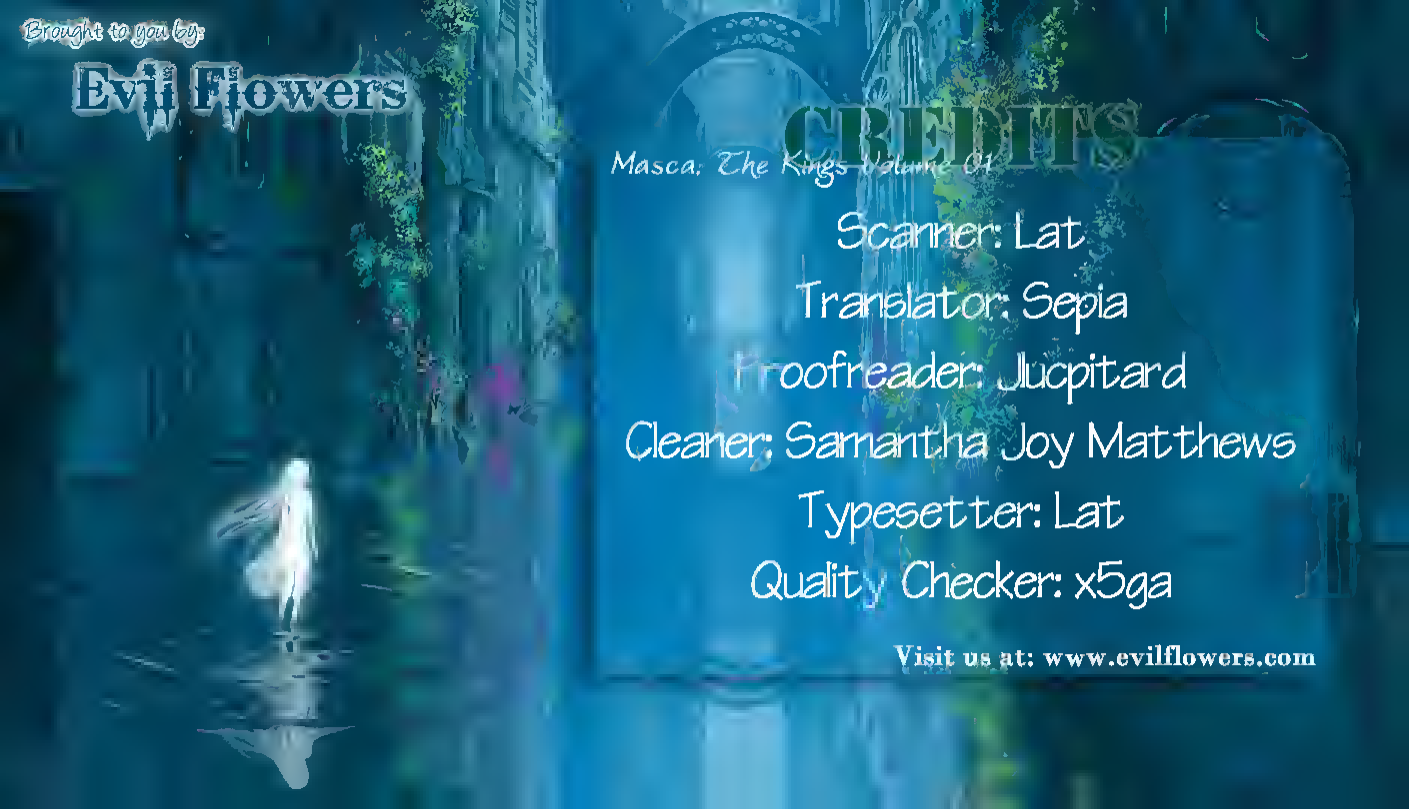

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TO LOVE A HUMAN,
THE GOD HAD TO
BECOME A HUMAN.

HE WAS THE
KING OF SPEIRA.

AH, SALAHAN,
IS THIS THE SON YOU MENTIONED BEFORE?
YES, YOUR MAJESTY
I WAS A YOUNG CHILD.
HE IS MY YOUNGEST. WE NAMED HIM RYU SALAHAN ARAMUR
SO THAT WAS PROBABLY WHY, BUT

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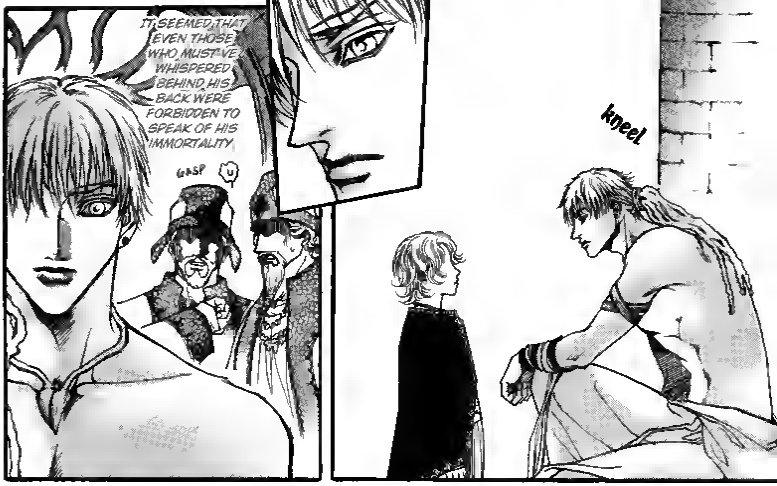
HE WAS A GIANT.
RYU! RYU!!
HIS HAIR, THAT MUST'VE ONCE BEEN THE COLOR OF WHEAT FIELDS, WAS FADED WHITE.
AND HIS EYE COLOR WAS STRANGE
HE WASN'T KIND. BUT HE DIDN'T SEEM PARTICULARLY UNKIND EITHER.
SO, I WANTED TO ASK.
ARE YOU REALLY AN IMMORTAL?



I'M NOT CERTAIN IF HE SMILED

*SFX. SPLASH

retch
WITHOUT A SINGLE EXAGGERATION, HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE WARRIOR.

RYU!!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU?! YOU'LL DIE IF YOU DON'T PAY ATTENTION!
reeeetch
Your Majesty I apolog-
Ughhh
Your-
IT'S FINE THE BATTLE IS NEAR ITS END, SO YOU CAN CALM DOWN FOR A BIT
OH...

I SAW HIS BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME, BENEATH HIS SHIELD

THERE WERE ALWAYS PEOPLE AROUND HIM
HE WAS A WARRIOR AND A KING
BUT .
IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS ALONE. WAS IT ONLY BECAUSE HE WAS A KING?
YOU WANT ME TO TAKE A WIFE?

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ARE YOU PLANNING TO JOIN THOSE OLD MEN
WHO ARE CAMPED OUTSIDE MY ROOM AND BABBLING?
THE ELDERS' PROTESTS ARE NOT WRONG YOUR MAJESTY
splash
I THINK THAT THE TIME IS RIGHT AS WELL
TIME... INTERESTING
YOU SEEM LONELY VERY
I FEEL THAT RIGHT NOW IS A GOOD TIME AS RABADON HAS BEEN CONQUERED

splash
ARE YOU TELLING ME TO TAKE THE RABADON KING'S DAUGHTER?
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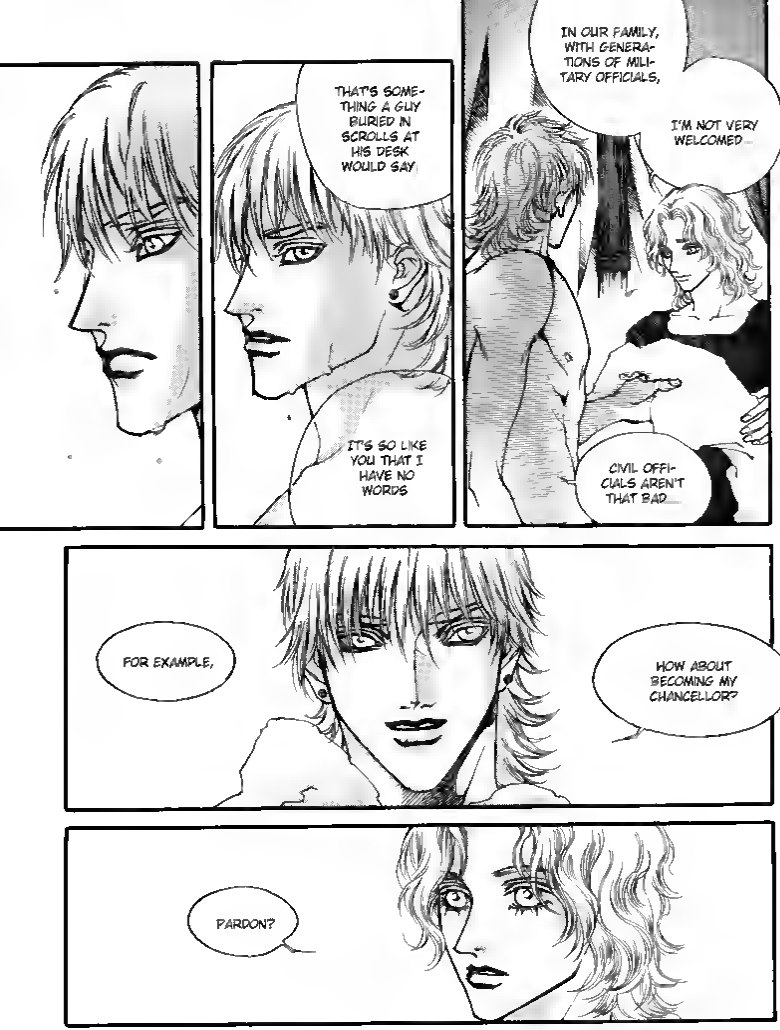
NOT AT ALL
I WOULD WISH FOR YOUR MAJESTY,
TO TAKE A WIFE FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL REASONS, NOT BECAUSE OF POLITICS

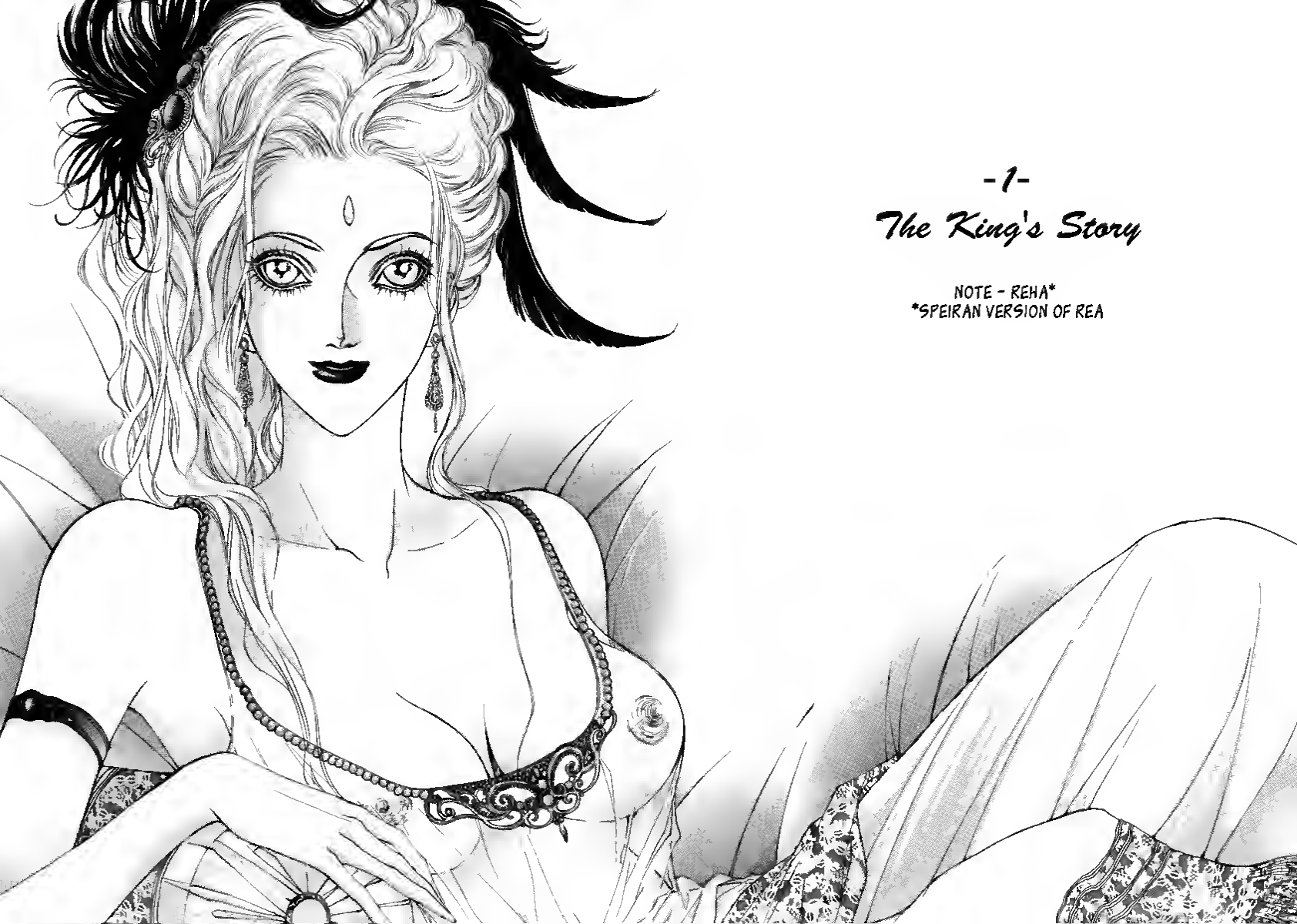

IN OUR FAMILY, WITH GENERATIONS OF MILITARY OFFICIALS,
I'M NOT VERY WELCOMED...
CIVIL OFFICIALS AREN'T THAT BAD...
THAT'S SOMETHING A GUY BURIED IN SCROLLS AT HIS DESK WOULD SAY.
IT'S SO LIKE YOU THAT I HAVE NO WORDS
FOR EXAMPLE,
HOW ABOUT BECOMING MY CHANCELLOR?
PARDON?

I DON'T KNOW IF MY HONEST ENTREATY HAD WORKED.

... BUT,
THAT DAY WHEN THE SKY, TORTURED BY THUNDER AND RAIN-STORMS, HAD BEGUN TO CLEAR,
IT'S GALE!
HIS MAJESTY IS RETURNING--!

WIND BLOWING
WE WELCOME YOUR RETUR
YOUR MAJESTY, YOU'RE SAFE...

...PLEASE TAKE A WIFE.
UNTIL THE DAY HE BROUGHT BACK A WOMAN SO BEAUTIFUL, THAT SHE WOULD OPEN THE EYES OF A BLIND MAN
I DIDN'T KNOW IF MY OCCASIONAL COMMENTS HAD ACTUALLY INFLUENCED THE KING
AT LEAST,



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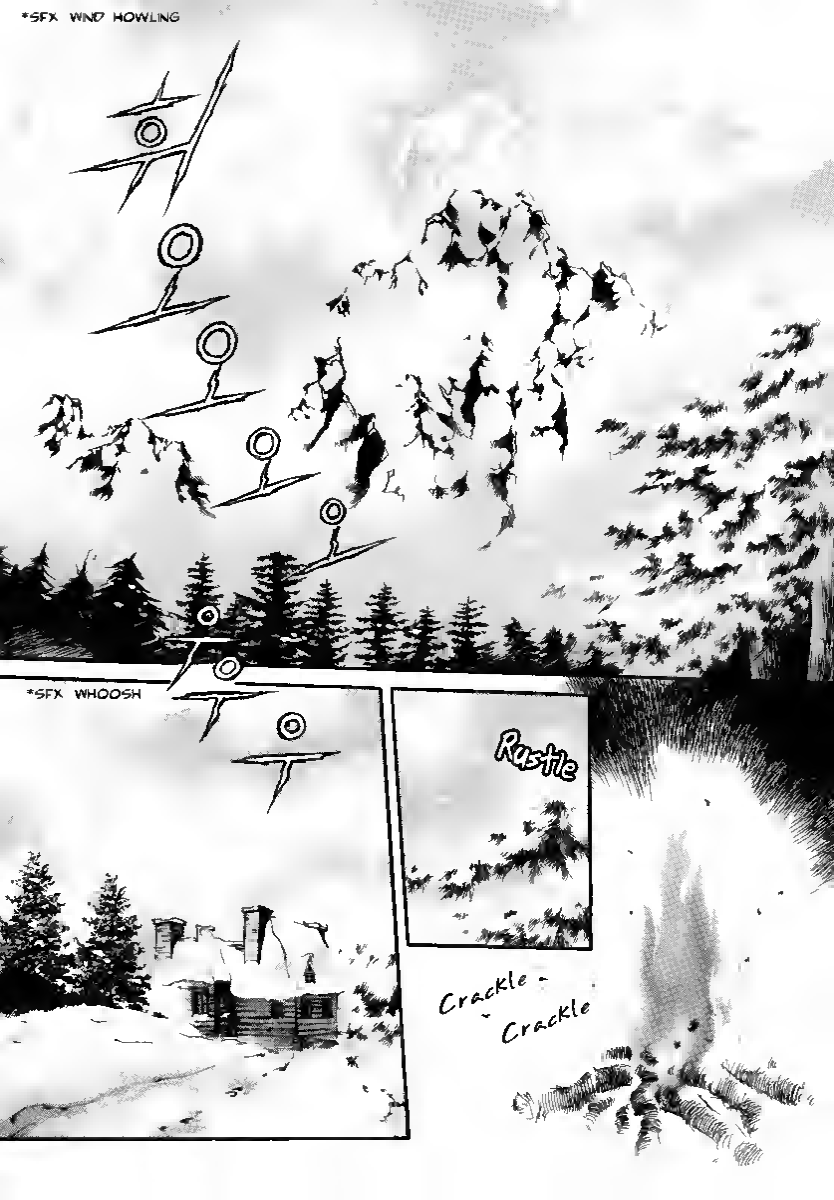
The King's Story

NOTE - REHA*
*SPEIRAN VERSION OF REA


*SFX WIND HOWLING
*SFX WHOOSH
Rustle
Crackle -
Crackle

Whoosh
CLOSE
YOU'VE RETURNED, MINSHU.
IT'S A SNOW-STORM. I DON'T THINK IT WILL END ANYTIME SOON
THE WIND ISN'T TOO BAD, SO I WILL DO A ROUND BEFORE SLEEP.
THANK YOU.
IT'LL BE BEST NOT TO GO OUT-SIDE TONIGHT IF YOU CAN
JUST A MOMENT AGO, I HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SEVERAL FROST SNAKES WITH THE SNOW SPEAR.
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I'M DEEPLY ASHAMED...
BECAUSE I WANTED TO STOP HERE ON THE WAY, I AM CAUSING TROUBLE ALL AROUND.
I'LL SEND SOMEONE THAT WAY, SO DON'T WORRY.
I THINK IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO REACH THE RUMAN HARBOR THIS WAY...
RUSTLE
THAT MAKES ME RATHER SAD, SIR RYU!
PLEASE CONSIDER ME TOO, SINCE I'VE REALLY WANTED TO SEE YOU ALL... ♡

THE SNOW WILL STOP TOMORROW MORNING.
I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO PROTECT ALL OF THIS PLACE WITH A BARRIER, BUT I CAN AT LEAST KEEP YOU ALL SAFE.

I APOLOGIZE, DEAR MAGICIAN
SINCE WE ENDED UP LEADING THE HORDE OF FROST SNAKES HERE
I HAVE A TRUSTY GUARDIAN OUTSIDE
IT'S QUITE COMMON TO SEE A FEW FROST SNAKES DURING THIS SEASON
PLEASE DRINK THIS AND WARM YOURSELVES
Pour
BUT IF MASSES OF THEM GATHER...
OH, DON'T WORRY
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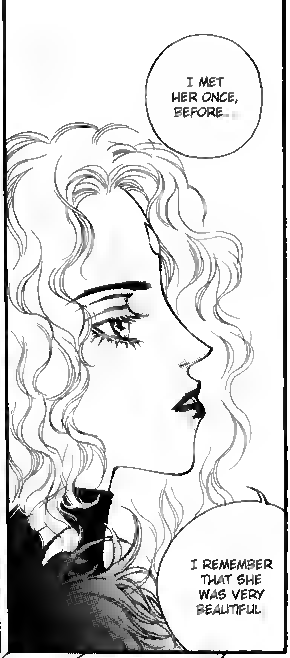
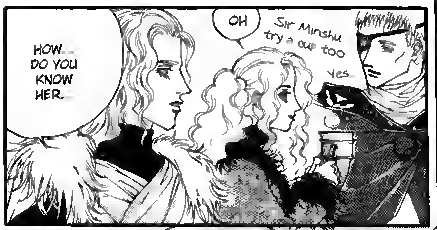
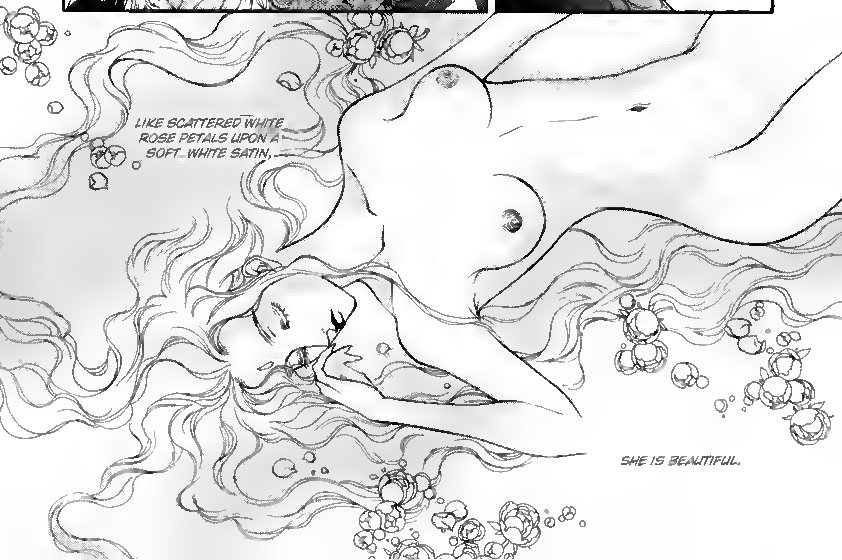
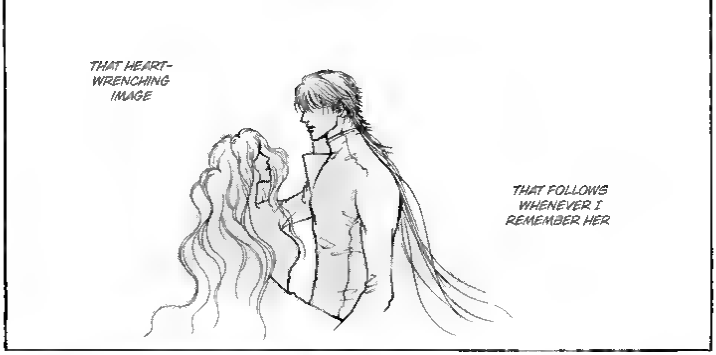
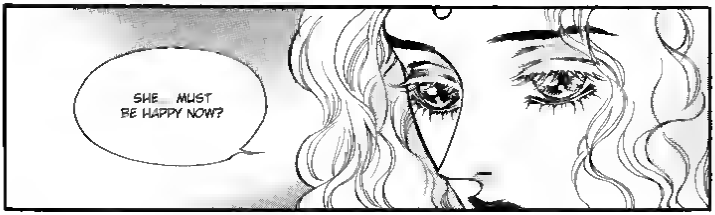
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HER AT ALL. :(
WHERE WERE WE... OH!
YOU SAID HIS MAJESTY BROUGHT REA
REA? YOU KNEW HER PERSONALLY?

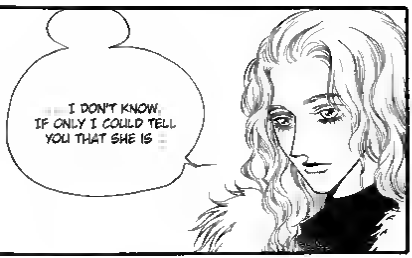

I MET HER ONCE, BEFORE...
I REMEMBER THAT SHE WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL


OH
Sir Minshu try a cue too
yes
HOW... DO YOU KNOW HER...

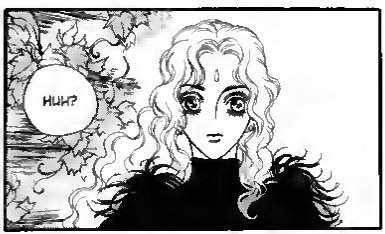

LIKE SCATTERED WHITE ROSE PETALS UPON A SOFT WHITE SATIN,
SHE IS BEAUTIFUL.

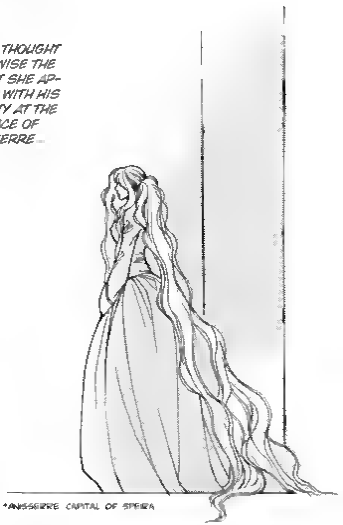




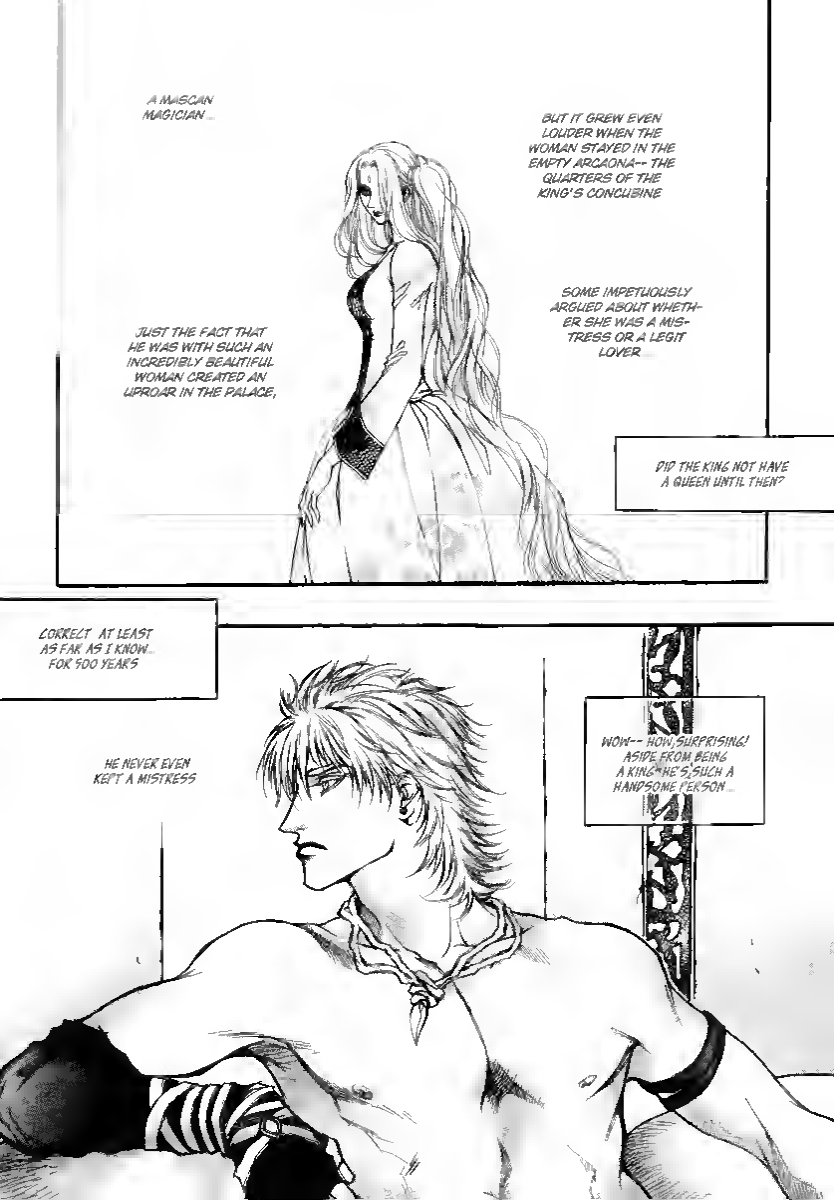


NO ONE THOUGHT OTHERWISE THE MOMENT SHE APPEARED WITH HIS MAJESTY AT THE PALACE OF ANISSERRE...

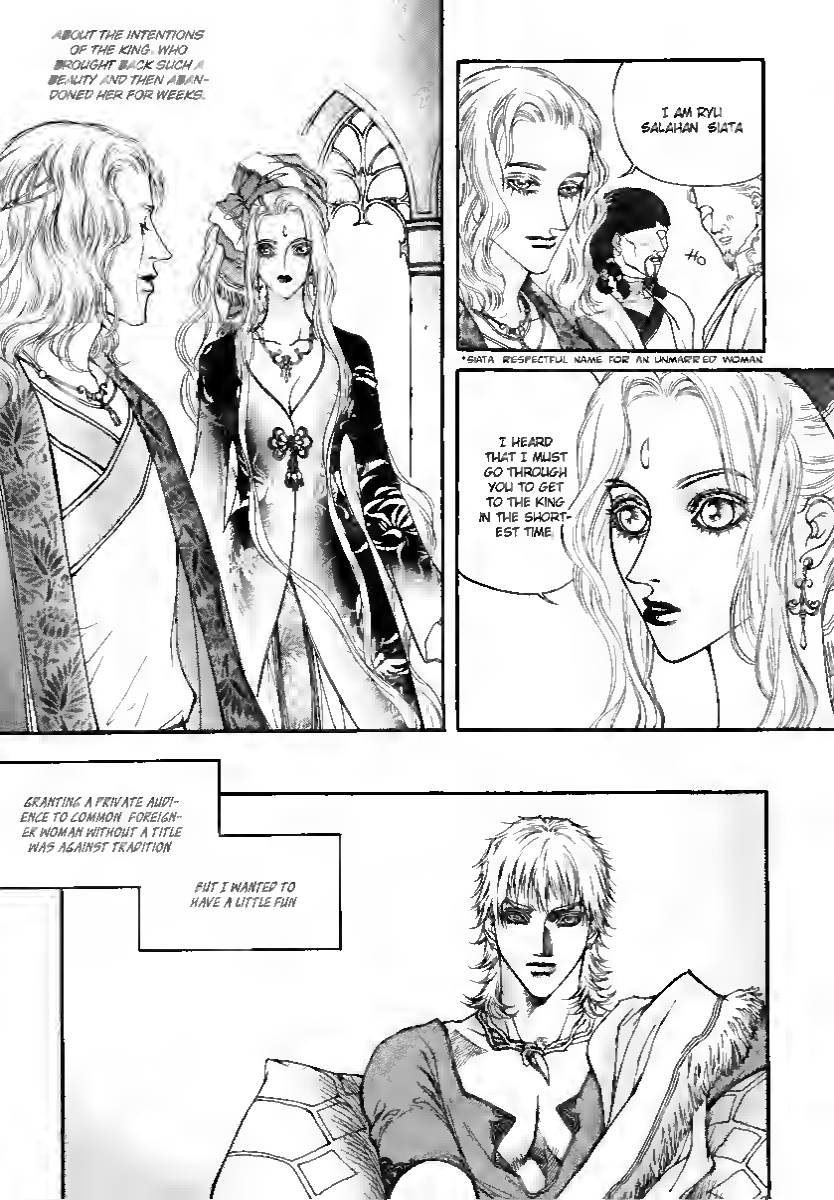


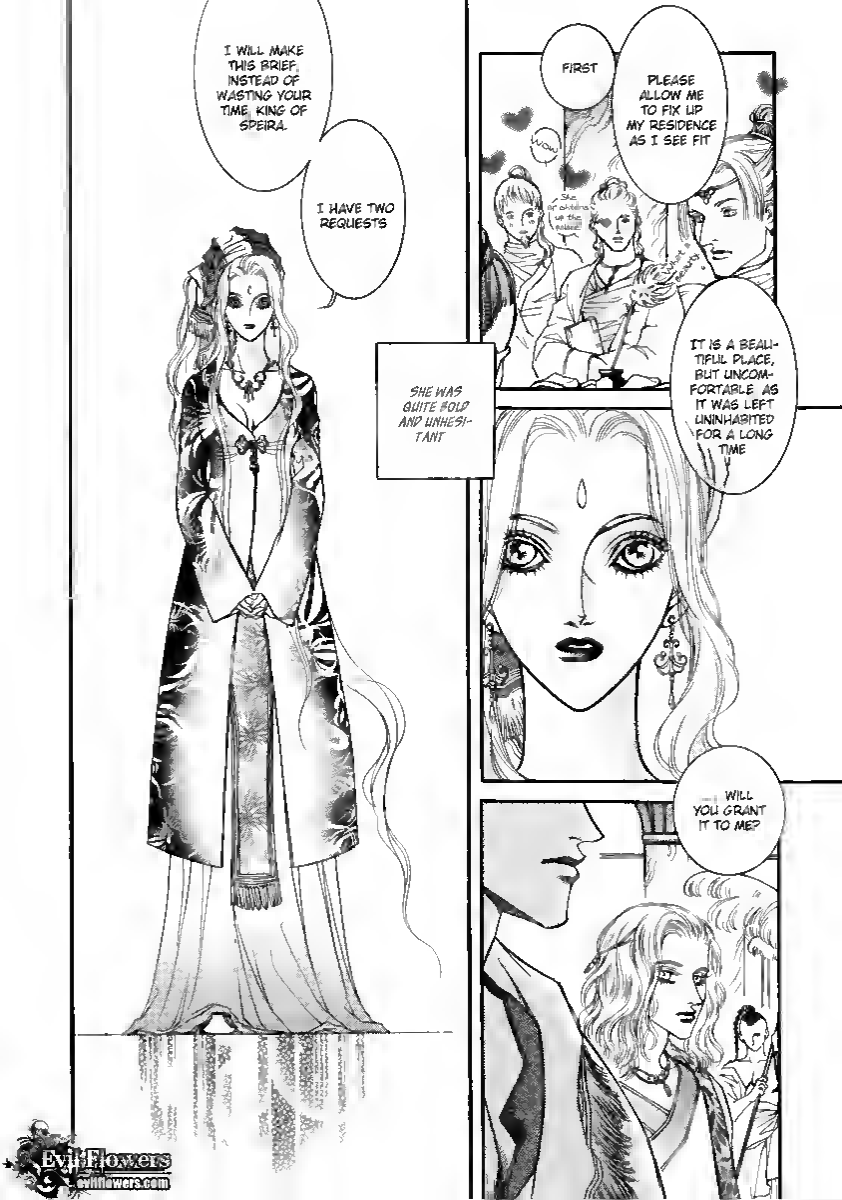


*ANISSERRE: CAPITAL OF SPEIRA


A MAISCAN MAGICIAN ...
JUST THE FACT THAT HE WAS WITH SUCH AN INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN CREATED AN UPROAR IN THE PALACE,
BUT IT GREW EVEN LOUDER WHEN THE WOMAN STAYED IN THE EMPTY ARCAONA-- THE QUARTERS OF THE KING'S CONCUBINE
SOME IMPETUOUSLY ARGUED ABOUT WHETHER SHE WAS A MISTRESS OR A LEGIT LOVER ...
DID THE KING NOT HAVE A QUEEN UNTIL THEN?
CORRECT AT LEAST AS FAR AS I KNOW... FOR 500 YEARS
HE NEVER EVEN KEPT A MISTRESS
WOW-- HOW SURPRISING! ASIDE FROM BEING A KING, HE'S SUCH A HANDSOME PERSON ...

THEN EVERYONE MUST'VE PREPARED A MARRIAGE CEREMONY!
Heart racing
NOT AT ALL
THE KING HAD NO SUCH INTENTIONS.
EH?
THEN... HE JUST KEPT HER 'S... AS A MISTRESS?
NO, THAT IS...
HIS MAJESTY HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INTEREST IN HER..
WHA?
HE NEVER EVEN STEPPED INSIDE THE ARCAONA, WHERE SHE RESIDED
IT MUST'VE BEEN A GREAT ISSUE, SINCE EVEN THOSE UNINTERESTED IN THE KING'S PRIVATE LIFE WERE IN AN UPROAR.
THE 70 PEACEFUL YEARS THAT WERE CALLED "THE PACIFICAGE"
I, TOO, WAS CURIOUS
ARE YOU RYU SALAHAN?


ABOUT THE INTENTIONS OF THE KING. WHO BROUGHT BACK SUCH A BEAUTY AND THEN ABANDONED HER FOR WEEKS.
I AM RYU SALAHAN SIATA
HO
*SIATA RESPECTFUL NAME FOR AN UNMARRIED WOMAN
I HEARD THAT I MUST GO THROUGH YOU TO GET TO THE KING IN THE SHORTEST TIME.
GRANTING A PRIVATE AUDIENCE TO COMMON FOREIGNER WOMAN WITHOUT A TITLE WAS AGAINST TRADITION
BUT I WANTED TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN


I WILL MAKE THIS BRIEF, INSTEAD OF WASTING YOUR TIME, KING OF SPEIRA.
I HAVE TWO REQUESTS
SHE WAS QUITE BOLD AND UNHESITANT
FIRST
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO FIX UP MY RESIDENCE AS I SEE FIT
WOW!
She is definitely up the middle!
Sure thing!
IT IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE, BUT UNCOMFORTABLE AS IT WAS LEFT UNINHABITED FOR A LONG TIME
... WILL YOU GRANT IT TO ME?
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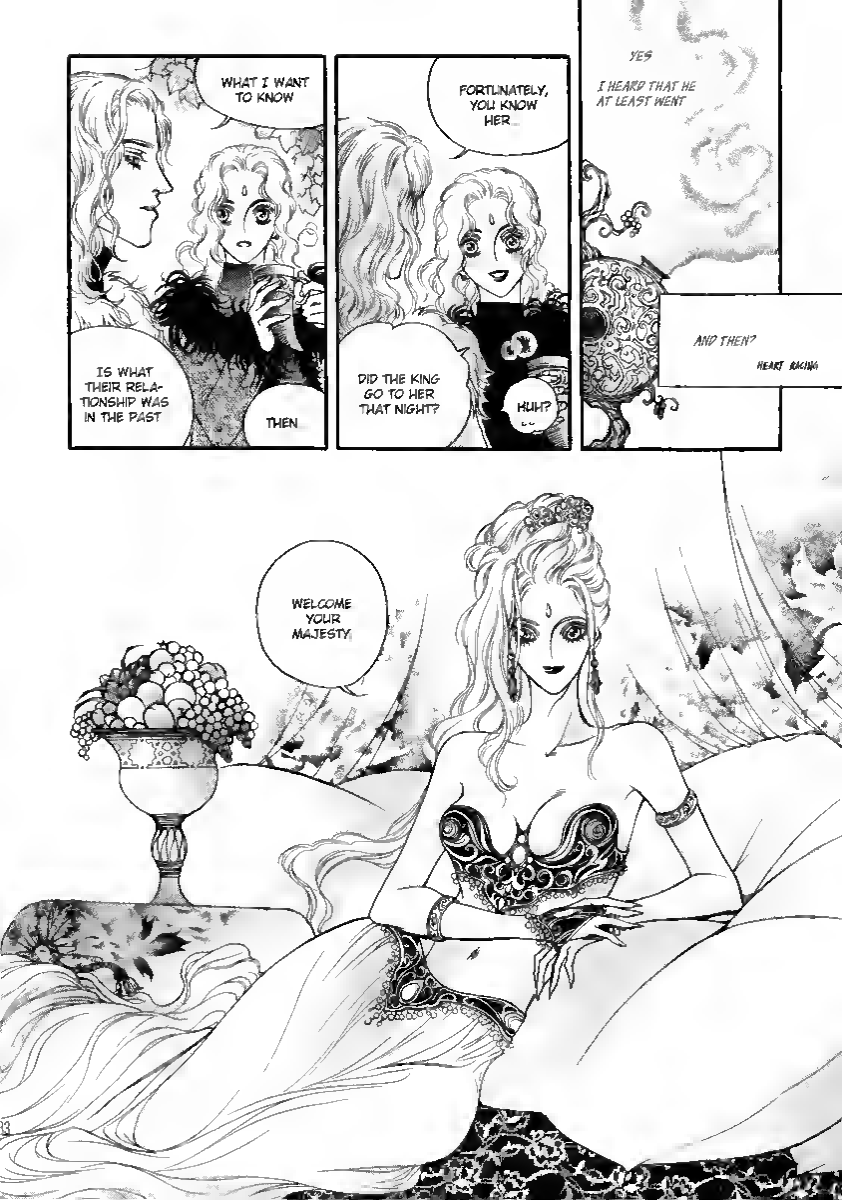
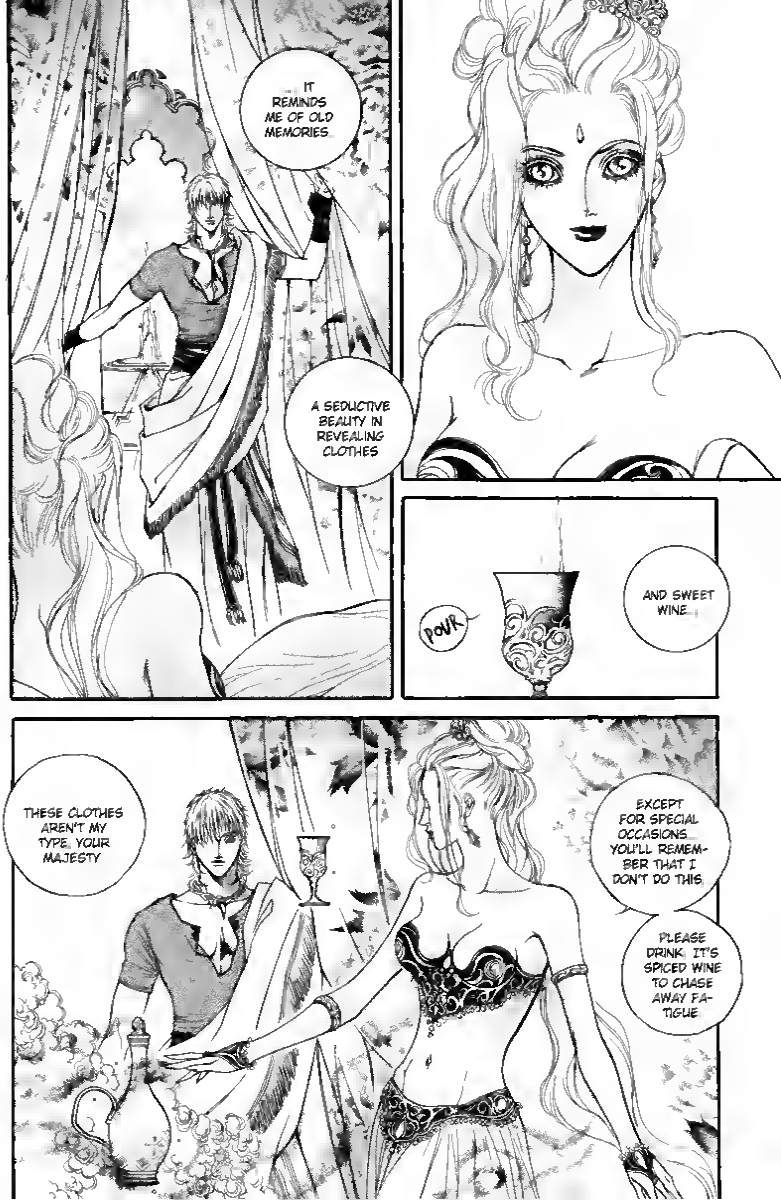
AS YOU WISH SECOND?
IT IS A RATHER PERSONAL PROBLEM,
AND I WOULD PREFER NOT TO SPEAK OF IT HERE
IF YOU COME TO MY LIVING QUARTERS TONIGHT
AND FEAST WITH ME, I SHALL TELL YOU THEN
Wow
What a solid woman
LEAVE ME
AS ALWAYS THERE WAS NO WAY FOR ME TO READ THE KING'S THOUGHTS


WHAT I WANT TO KNOW
IS WHAT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WAS IN THE PAST
THEN
FORTUNATELY, YOU KNOW HER
DID THE KING GO TO HER THAT NIGHT?
HUH? ..
YES
I HEARD THAT HE AT LEAST WENT
AND THEN?
HEART RACING
WELCOME YOUR MAJESTY!


IT REMINDS ME OF OLD MEMORIES...
A SEDUCTIVE BEAUTY IN REVEALING CLOTHES
POUR
AND SWEET WINE...
THESE CLOTHES AREN'T MY TYPE, YOUR MAJESTY
EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS... YOU'LL REMEMBER THAT I DON'T DO THIS
PLEASE DRINK. IT'S SPICED WINE TO CHASE AWAY FATIGUE

I HAVEN'T PUT ANYTHING IN IT THIS TIME.
... WHAT'S THE SECOND REQUEST.
SHALL I CALL FOR THE FEAST?
NO NEED.
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY, SO I DON'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR DINNER TIME.
TELL ME THE SECOND REQUEST.

LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL GRANT ANYTHING,
AS LONG AS YOU CAN GET OUT OF HERE QUICKLY
I
WANT YOU TO TAKE ME RAKIN

IS THAT THE SECOND ONE?
IF IT IS?
I CANNOT GRANT IT, AT THIS TIME
... YOU MEAN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT?
IT'S NOT SURPRISING
YOU WERE ALWAYS LIKE THAT, EVEN BEFORE
I SEE
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WHAT?
BARGING IN WHENEVER YOU FELT LIKE, TO... SEE ME,
THEN, YOU SATISFIED YOUR DESIRES AND LEFT RIGHT AWAY.

IS...
THAT WHAT YOU THOUGHT?
I CAN'T RECALL EXACTLY, SINCE IT'S BEEN SO LONG, BUT I DON'T THINK THE FAULT WAS ONLY MINE...
WELL,
IT WAS ONE-SIDED FROM THE BEGINNING, SO I GUESS YOU CAN THINK THAT WAY

WHAT IS IT NOW?
NOW AM I PLAYING THE WHORE TAKEN AND SHOVED INTO AN UNINHABITED CONCUBINE PALACE?
AN EASY WHORE THAT YOU NO LONGER EVEN HAVE TO FLY FAR TO SEE
WHAT ARE YOU TO ME?

THE WOMAN THAT I LOVED WITH ALL MY LIFE,
ALREADY DIED AND ROTTED AWAY FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

THESE EYES THAT WERE BEAUTIFUL LIKE CARAZ-AN'S TOPAZ
THE SOFT SKIN, LIKE GLISTENING IVORY.
THIS HAIR THAT SHONE SO WARMLY,
EVEN THIS PRETTY LITTLE HEAD, FULL OF THAT EXHAUSTING-LY CRUEL PERSON-ALITY!
RA-
MM-

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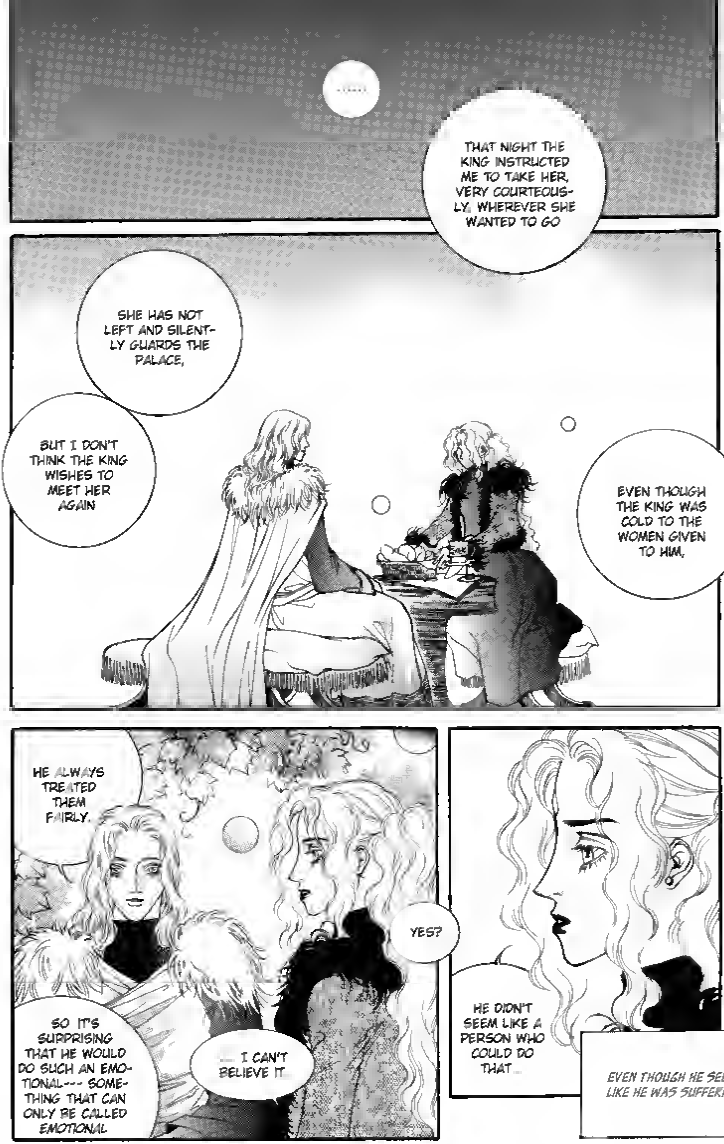
ARE YOU CONFUSED?
I DON'T KNOW
IF YOU DIDN'T WANT IT...
WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?
THAT WAS YOUR DECISION

ELECTA OR ANYWHERE ELSE-
IT'S YOUR CHOICE TO GO WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT OCCURRED DURING THAT NIGHT
BUT I COULD GUESS THAT NOTHING GOOD HAD HAPPENED
SINCE THE SITUATION BETWEEN THE TWO DID NOT IMPROVE AFTERWARDS


.....
THAT NIGHT THE KING INSTRUCTED ME TO TAKE HER, VERY COURTEOUSLY, WHEREVER SHE WANTED TO GO
SHE HAS NOT LEFT AND SILENTLY GUARDS THE PALACE,
BUT I DON'T THINK THE KING WISHES TO MEET HER AGAIN
EVEN THOUGH THE KING WAS COLD TO THE WOMEN GIVEN TO HIM,
HE ALWAYS TREATED THEM FAIRLY.
SO IT'S SURPRISING THAT HE WOULD DO SUCH AN EMOTIONAL--- SOMETHING THAT CAN ONLY BE CALLED EMOTIONAL
.... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
YES?
HE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE A PERSON WHO COULD DO THAT...
EVEN THOUGH HE SEEMED LIKE HE WAS SUFFERING....

I REALLY CAN'T KNOW...
LIKE I CAN'T KNOW THE THINGS THAT OCCURRED IN A DIMENSION THAT I DIDN'T EXIST IN
I CAN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED... IN A TIME THAT I DIDN'T EXIST IN...
STORIES THAT ONLY THEY KNOW,
AND I CAN NEVER KNOW...

CREAK
CREAK
IN A DIFFERENT
FLOW OF TIME...

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THE KINGS

TO BE CONTINUED
IN VOLUME 2

BLABBERS OF WAY-TOO-HAPPY 02

WE ARE SELLING IT DIRECTLY FROM THIRD PLACE FIRST...
THE REST WILL BE SOLD ON THE INTERNET BOOK-STORES
BUT
CURRENTLY, WHILE I'M WRITING THIS, IT'S INCOMPLETE... SO THE BOOK ISN'T EVEN OUT YET
MeH~
Flap
Flap
IN A ZEN POSITION FACING THE WALL
IT'S SO HOT IT FEELS LIKE THE UNIVERSE MELTED...
The grand day of the deadline
THERE, AS SOME SUFFERING BECAUSE THE PLAN WAS FOR 30 PGS BUT IT BECAME 50PGS
THANK YOU ASSISTANT SHIN
IT WAS MY FIRST TIME DOING A SELF-PUBLICATION I HAD SO MUCH HELP~
YOU'RE GOING TO SCAN IT AND PRINT IT AS A FILE RIGHT?
CAN YOU EDIT AND DO THE LAYOUT YOURSELF?
HUH?
YOU'RE DOING THIS BY HAND SO IF YOU MESS UP, YOU HAVE TO TYPESET IT YOURSELF— DO YOU HAVE AN A3 SCANNER?
YOUR PAGES ARE HUGE TOO—!!
I'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THE PRINTING FEES AND QUOTES...
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING T_T
YOU HAVE 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR EVY-ONE DEADLINE...
ANYWAY, THE SELF-PUBLICATION IS COMPLETE
I AM TRULY HAPPY...
MeH~
DEADLY SMILE
"THE KINGS" IS QUITE A LONG STORY AND I'LL DRAW LITTLE BIT BY LITTLE AS I CAN
BUT IF IT DOESN'T SELL AND I HAVE LOTS OF BOOKS LEFT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO DRAW A 2ND VOLUME ANYMORE!!!!!
It's over
I'M PLANNING TO PUBLISH IT SEASONALLY... SO PLEASE HELP...
SOS

Merry Christmas
evil flowers pack of presents...

HEY, SEUNG HUN!
I HEARD YOU JOINED EVIL FLOWERS. SO, YOU CAN SPEED UP THE PROCESS FOR MY FAVORITE MANGA, RIGHT?
SHUT UP!
AREN'T YOU MY FRIEND? GO TRANSLATE!
SORRY, BUT I'M WORKING ON ANOTHER PROJECT.
EVEN IF I DID TRANSLATE, THERE WON'T BE ANY EDITOR TO HELP.
Where are our editors?
WHAT?! YOU JACKASS!!!
...ARE YOU SERIOUS?